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I Claim:

1. A data processing apparatus, comprising:

at least one temperature sensor;

at least one fan for cooling the data processing apparatus;

a monitoring unit connected to said temperature sensor and to said fan, said monitoring unit controlling said fan as a function of measured values obtained from said temperature sensor;

at least one hard disk including a temperature sensor; and

an interface apparatus for checking said temperature sensor of said hard disk;

said interface apparatus for supplying measured temperature values to said monitoring unit.

2. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said hard disk includes a data interface; and

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said interface apparatus is configured for accessing said data interface of said hard disk.

3. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said hard disk includes a data interface; and

said data interface is designed in accordance with a SCSI standard.